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SUBJECT: VISIT OF OMAR FAQIEH

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1. FAQIEH VISIT MOST OPPORTUNE, FOR WE WOULD LIKE TO
RESURRECT IDEA OF TECHNICAL SEMINAR AND PROMOTE FOLLOW-UP
TO COMMERCE'S OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (OT) EXPERT'S
REPORT SUBMITTED IN JANUARY.

2. TREASURY WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS STAFFING OF
COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY UNDER ECONOMIC COMMISSION AUSPICES,
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AND BRIEFINGS ON FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT AND SATELLITE
COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. IN ADDITION TO FIRM DATE OF ARRIVAL AND EXPECTED LENGTH

OF STAY, ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PREPARING FOR FAQIEH VISIT. FOR DOMSAT BRIEFING: IS INTEREST IN EXPERIENCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN USING DOMSAT, OR IN POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES (HEALTH, EDUCATION, CULTURE)? IN THE STATE OF AND TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGY, OR IN COST FACTORS? FOR FREQUENCY

MANAGEMENT BRIEFING: IS INTEREST DIRECTED TOWARD DEVELOPING A NATIONAL METHOD FOR MAKING AND REVIEWING ASSIGNMENTS, MONITORING USAGE AND ENFORCEMENT, AND LONG RANGE PLANNING; OR SIMPLY IN GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO US FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT. DOES FAQIEH HAVE INTEREST IN FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT FOR MILITARY? DOES HE HAVE PREFERENCE IN ALLOCATING TIME? WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM? IF VISIT IS IN LATE JUNE, WE PREFER BEGIN BRIEFINGS LATE IN WEEK OF JUNE 23.

4. IN LIGHT OF FAQIEH'S INTEREST IN USING ECONOMIC COMMISSION MECHANISM, IF YOU THINK IT ADVISABLE, WE SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL WITH HIM AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER INTERESTED MINISTRIES.

5. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO FAQIEH VISIT, THE USG COULD ASSEMBLE TEAM OF USG EXPERTS TO CONDUCT TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR IN SAUDI ARABIA. IF SUCH SEMINAR WERE REQUESTED BY SAG THROUGH JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, ITS EXPENSES COULD BE REIMBURSED THROUGH THE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

6. PARA 7 BELOW OFFERS SAUDIS A MENU OF TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM, BUT TO KEEP SEMINAR TO MANAGEABLE SIZE AND TO GET INTO GREATER DEPTH OF DETAIL WE SUGGEST LIMITING CHOICE TO SIX. YOU MAY TELL SAUDIS THAT BASED ON OT EXPERT EXPERIENCE AND PREVIOUS INDICATIONS FROM SAUDIS WE RECOMMEND TOPICS A, B, D, H, L AND M. HOWEVER, FINAL CHOICE WOULD BE THEIRS.

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7. INITIAL LIST OF CANDIDATE TOPICS FOLLOWS. OUR CURRENT UNDERSTANDING OF WHICH TOPICS MINISTRY WOULD HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST IN IS NOTED IN PARENTHESIS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OTHER SAG AGENCIES MAY ALSO HAVE INTEREST.

A. DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AND BALLOON-BORNE SYSTEMS (MOC & MOI) INCLUDING SUMMARY OF STATE OF TECHNOLOGY, COUNTRIES USING, AND APPLICATIONS OF POTENTIAL VALUE TO SAG, TYPICAL COSTS, INTERFACING WITH TERRESTRIAL SYSTEMS, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

B. SWITCHING SYSTEMS (MOC) SUMMARY OF STATE OF TECHNOLOGY AND TRENDS, COMPARISON OF VARIOUS FOREIGN SYSTEMS IN USE,

COSTS AND CONTRAST OF CAPABILITIES OF ELECTRONIC VS.
ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SYSTEMS.

C. DIGITAL TRANSMISSION (MOC) TECHNOLOGY AND TRENDS,
COSTS.

D. FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT (MOI & MOC), INCLUDING METHODS
FOR ASSIGNMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL BROADCAST, MARITIME,
POLICE, MILITARY, USERS ETC., MONITORING AND
ENFORCEMENT TECHNIQUES, AND FORWARD PLANNING FOR NEW
SYSTEMS.

E. SPECIFICATIONS FOR RADIO BROADCAST EQUIPMENT AND
SYSTEMS ADEQUATE FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDDING, INCLUDING
EVALUATION OF COMPETITIVE TENDERS (MOT).

F. PARTS INVENTORY PLANNING AND CONTROL METHODS (MOT).

G. PROPAGATION CHARACTERISTICS/PREDICTION TECHNIQUES/
BROADCAST SCHEDULING (MOC).

H. URBAN AND RURAL TELEPHONE DISTRIBUTION TECHNIQUES,
EQUIPMENT, DESIGN, STANDARDS AND INTERFACE (MOC).

I. STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT (MOC).

J. MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING AERONAUTICAL,
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MARITIME AND LAND, TECHNOLOGY, TRENDS AND WORLD
APPLICATIONS (MOC).

K. EMERGENCY SYSTEMS, E.G. FOR POLICE, AMBULANCE, FIRE,
DISASTER, ETC. (MOC).

L. AUTOMATIC TEST AND CHECKOUT TECHNIQUES OF
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (MOC).

M. SURVEY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SOCIAL APPLICATIONS,
E.G., FOR HEALTH AND EDUCATION SERVICES.

8. PURPOSE OF SEMINAR WOULD BE TO GIVE SAUDIS IN-DEPTH
EXPOSURE TO POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND PROBLEMS, IN THE
SAUDI CONTEXT, INHERENT IN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY, AND TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR SAUDI DECISIONS ON
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.

9. IF EMBASSY CONCURS IN SEMINAR PROPOSAL, EMBASSY MAY
CONTACT APPROPRIATE SAUDI MINISTRIES IMMEDIATELY. KISSINGER

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